

Today, Rep. Braley released a statement on his support for the supplemental funding bill for Afghanistan.

Washington, DC - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) today released the following statement after voting in favor of President Obama's supplemental funding request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan:

"I've long said that Iraq has been a distraction from the war on terror and that we need to refocus our efforts on the war in Afghanistan. President Obama has set a timeline and shown that he is working to redeploy our troops from Iraq and shift focus to pursuing Al-Qaeda. I support those efforts.

"Still, Congress has a responsibility to provide strict oversight of the President's actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. I will continue to work hard to provide that oversight and to hold the President to his plan for Iraq. That's why I'm sponsoring a bill with Congressman Jim McGovern to require Secretary Gates to submit a plan to Congress by the end of the year that outlines an exit strategy for Afghanistan.

"This legislation also includes funding that helps our men and women in uniform-from compensation for service members who were held under stop-loss orders to more funding for health programs to support military families."